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Applicants: **Toshihisa Saruta, et al.**

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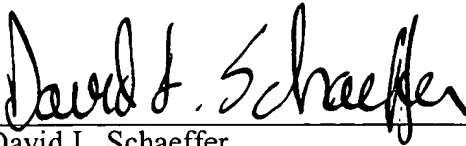
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Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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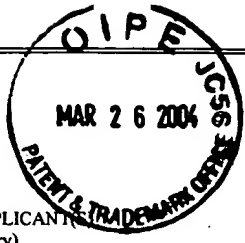
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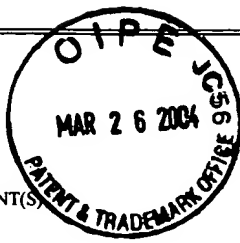
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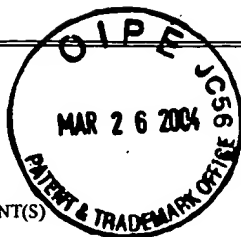
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